

## Oct. 8, Acquaintance Dance To Be For Freshmen only

In three motions passed at its Wednesday meeting, Institute Committee established a special freshmen fund designated to finance a Freshman Acquaintance Dance derived from profits from freshman tie sales. The dance is intended to be part of the enlarged orientation and guidance program for each year's freshmen class.

Plans for the function were formulated during the summer and discussed with members of Institute Committee and Institute officials. The Dormitory Committee annually sponsors a fall acquaintance dance and had made plans for one on October 8 this year. They agreed that it would be possible to utilize the hall and band already hired at the frosh affair. Nat Roosin, chairman of the social committee; Daniel L. McQuinness, and others directed the arrangements. Institute Committee has now agreed to assume the financial responsibility of the dance.

### Financed from Ties

Under the plan adopted, the Budget Committee will act as purchasing and holding agent of freshmen ties for the Field Day Committee and will forward proceeds from their sale to the special fund. Previously, the latter committee sold the ties and the profits were allotted to the general fund of the Institute Committee. Any money remaining in the fund after it has been used to sponsor the dance will go into the treasury of the Class of 1953.

### Freshmen Only

All freshmen attending the dance will, of course, wear their ties. To gain admittance they will be asked to display their registration cards which were stamped by the Budget Committee at the time of the tie sale.

According to Daniel L. McQuinness Jr., '50, plans for the dance are progressing smoothly. About six hundred girls from nearby schools will attend.

## Foreign Students Complete Summer Stay At Institute

### FSSP Sponsored 77; Research, Industrial Visits Highlight Project

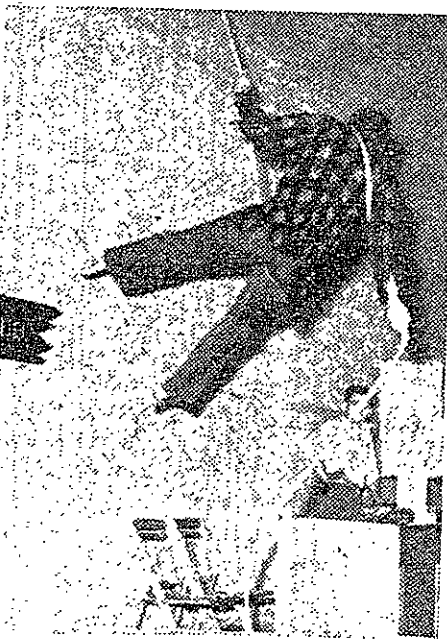
Seventy-seven students from Europe, Asia, and the Far East studied at the Institute this summer under the second foreign student summer project to be held here. This project, a part of the National Student Association, enabled qualified students from 23 countries to study and to conduct research at Technology during the summer months. Five research papers written by the students and covering such topics as turbines, spectral analysis, and microwaves were published.

However, the visitors had fun along with their work, since local citizens were kind enough to invite the students into their homes and summer camps. Trips to the U. N. seminar at Holyoke, the Berkshire Music Festival, and a tour of the East and Mid-West sponsored by the National Association of Manufacturers, provided the opportunity for the students to see parts of the United States. Among the cities visited were Washington, Cleveland, Chicago, Pittsburgh, Schenectady, Toledo, Detroit, New York, and Philadelphia. Here they were shown the

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## Fall Change Over In Full Swing; Building 18 To House Activities Transferred From Building 20

TO 10-250 . . .  
THE HARD WAY



The Tarzan Type Exhibition pictured above took place on Tuesday afternoon in the sedate lobby of Building 10 as part of the Outing Club membership drive. Although the descent was made successfully from the second to the first floor, the elevators and stairs are recommended for the less athletically inclined.

## Committee Studies Frosh Programs

### Section Election Rules Revised By Inst. Comm.

Efforts to expand the program of orientation for freshmen and possibly modify policies regarding freshmen were furthered by the appointment last Wednesday of a committee by the Institute Committee to investigate this overall problem. It is hoped that the findings and suggestions of the committee will bring together the various components of the Technology family.

An acquaintance dance financed by profits from freshman tie sales will be held. An advisor program which will break down possible barriers between living groups has also been suggested. One step towards achieving the objectives of such a program will be a committee to investigate Field Day, freshman rules, and all other matters pertaining to first year men.

### Committee Formed

Appointed to the committee were Richard L. Mathews '50, chairman of the Elections Committee; Claude D. Tapley '50, president of the 5:15 Club; Edward J. Margulies '52, class representative to Institute Committee; Ralph F. Romano '51, chairman of publicity; and Marvin

### NEW SEMINAR

All students interested in the seminar concerning the history of ideas (E41 A and B) given by the English and History Department should meet in Room 2-131 at 5:00 p.m., Tuesday, September 27, for preliminary organization of the course. It will be necessary to attend this meeting for assignment to sections.

## Script Finished For Tech Show

### Plan Smoker, Auditions To Choose Show Cast

According to this year's managing board of the Tech Show, the 1950 production of the all-Tech musical comedy will be the biggest since the 1947 revival. Art Van Stolk '49, and Bob Abelson '48, have now completed the script, while Van Stolk and Johnny Leffler '52, have already written half the songs. The show is planned for March 17 and 18.

Featuring the setting of a provincial fishing village in Maine, the plot centers around the amorous aspirations of an overly-playful ghost. Technology students, staff members, and their families will provide the talent for the current production.

Tech Show, started originally to raise funds for the Institute Athletic Association, has since become a self-sustaining activity. Content has varied from a minstrel presentation to a Gilbert and Sullivan operetta with the musical comedy prevailing in recent years. The show has gone on the road numerous times and has performed in New York on several occasions. At the present time, the possibilities of televising the show are being investigated.

Tech Show is giving a smoker in Tyler Lounge of Walker Memorial on October 3 at 5:00 p.m. All those interested in chorus, cast, publicity, stagecraft, production, engineering, or any other aspects of the show should not miss this meeting. During the smoker, an announcement concerning auditions will be made.

## MIT Flying Club Bombarbs Frosh

### Plane Announces Rally Color Air Race Movies

Five hundred propaganda leaflets announcing an MIT Flying Club Rally for Tuesday, October 4, at 5:00 p.m. were showered down over the frosh at Camp Wonderland last week. However, moderate winds and the slipstream deprived the frosh of information concerning color movies of the Cleveland Air Races.

William C. Plouffe, '50, and Alfred R. Paashauss, '51, loaded one of the flying club's three Cessnas and set out to announce the rally, but the bombardier had insufficient instruments (namely his hands and open window) to keep the leaflets from gliding astray.

### Bombardier Misses

After making five runs over the camp, having floated about four hundred of the leaflets gently into an adjoining farmer's field, the two Technology airmen became miffed and somewhat angry. No one in the entire freshman camp seemed to notice their presence in the air above. On the last bombing run, they headed into the wind and let loose the rest of the leaflets. Although they could not note whether or not this last batch struck home, they are reasonably certain that a

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## Four Departments Assume Quarters In New Library

During the early months of the present scholastic year, drastic changes will be effected in the placement of several of the Institute's Departments, many of the clubs and societies, and many of the classrooms.

The departments preparing to settle their headquarters in the new Hayden Memorial Library are Economics and Social Science, Business and Engineering Administration, English and History, and Languages. Moving to Building 1 are the Alumni and Review Offices to the second floor, Graduate and Undergraduate Placements to the first floor, and the Navy Offices to the third floor. Room 233 in Building 5, to be vacated by the Navy, will be turned into a construction drafting room. Formerly in Building 2, the section of Graphics has now moved entirely to Building 24, while twelve classrooms have been transferred from Building 24 to Building 2.

### Activities Moved

Activities are also entering this migration. Those being transferred from Building 20 to 18 are the Outing Club, the Flying Club, the Rocket Society, the Model Airplane Club, and the Tech Show. In the rear of Building 18, a stage is to be constructed for use of the Tech Show. Transference of the Athletic Association from Building 3 to Building 18, where it will be provided with three offices, will also be affected under this program.

Increased lecture space is also being provided in the near future. In Building 2, Room 190, the stage is to be removed and opera style seats are to be installed. Seating capacity is to be two hundred.

## ATTENTION SENIORS!

All members of the class of '50 are advised to keep October 12 (Columbus Day) open for a big class event to be held on that date. Further details on the nature of this event will appear in the next issue of THE TECH.

## Juniors To Hold Big Square Dance In Armory Oct. 14

Opening its fall social season, the Junior Class is sponsoring a square dance in the Cambridge Armory on Massachusetts Avenue on Friday, October 14. All members of the Technology family are invited to attend and free refreshments including beer, cookies, cider and potato chips, will be served.

Admission will be \$1.80 a couple or \$1.20 stag, tax included. In order to satisfy the quests of the male populace, girls from the neighboring college have been invited. The whole affair is being planned on a large scale and a turnout of about a thousand is expected.

## REGISTRATION TRAFFIC JAM



Part of the huge lines which jammed the corridors of Building 10 on Registration Day.

All upper classmen at Technology no doubt remember the day they registered as freshmen at the Institute. Reminiscing might bring back to the more impressionable students such details as the length of the registration line and the rate at which it progressed down the hall of Building 4. Yet, it is most probable that the line at the cashier's office on Monday, September 19, will be the source of

many aspersions for some time to come.

Since the line was composed mostly of veterans, the primary difficulty seemed to be that these veterans lacked proof that they were in training under the government, even though their status was the same last year. The result was another long wait for veterans to obtain certificates of eligibility before obtaining their roll cards.



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## ONCE AGAIN

Last Spring, too late for anything to be done about it, we urged that the fraternities begin selecting their pledges from the Sophomore Class rather than from the incoming freshmen. At the risk of being somewhat premature, we would like to repeat the proposal now and to recommend specifically that next year's crop of fraternity brothers be drawn from the Class of 1953 sometime next May. Many, if not most, rushing chairmen have come to realize that a half-week's whirl around the houses is not enough to acquaint the freshmen with the fraternities or vice-versa. In fact, there is already a strong movement in progress to change the rushing system; we hope these words will turn the movement into positive action.

Moving rush week to the late spring, with the pledges taking up residence in the houses the following fall, would simplify matters at the dormitory office as well as make it unnecessary for anyone to have to move his luggage twice within the same week. Of course, the obvious advantage is that a sound choice of prospective brothers can be made. The only objection to Spring rushing, which we don't think will stand up anyhow, is that while school is in session students are too busy to participate in the proceedings. Actually, there is no reason why potential pledges can not be invited to meals and week-end parties at any time during the year since, as a matter of fact, fraternities do entertain guests all year anyway. Indeed, it might be well if some tradition of tendering bids to new pledges at the IFC Dance were evolved. Such a procedure would add distinction to the rushing process. We shall be most happy to hear of any steps the IFC takes to promote a rational rush week.

## TO UNIFY TECH

One proposal which the fraternities have not taken kindly to was made by the Institute Administration last year. It was urged that the twenty-five, or so, fraternities at Technology move into houses to be built for them on the West Campus by some insurance company. In spite of the fact that, compared to most colleges our fraternities enjoy a fantastic amount of autonomy, the objection raised was that moving the houses to Institute property would subject the fraternities to too much Institute control. The first answer to the point raised is that several fraternities already stand on Institute ground without suffering from oppression.

Secondly, the fraternities are in a position to demand certain safeguards to their autonomy before coming over. They might, for instance, include in their agreement with the Institute a provision establishing the IFC as the only body governing the fraternities' territory, effectively the same situation as exists today. Just as the King can not enter the House of Lords uninvited, the fraternities might stipulate that no member of the Administration or Faculty may come unasked into their buildings.

Centralizing student living on the West Campus would probably be the biggest step in the solution of the perennial problem of school spirit. Only when students live together in a group will they co-operate in activities. In the long run, this is a step that the Institute can not afford not to take.

## THANKS

Once in a while we feel that we ought to show the Institute that we appreciate that its heart, such as it is, is in the right place. The recent successful Freshman Weekend was largely a result of the efforts of the Institute Administration, and they are to be congratulated. Probably the most important contribution to freshman orientation was the inauguration of the Freshman Album, a book of photographs and vital statistics of the entering class. This book can go a long way towards introducing the new men to one another through its listing of home towns and by all means its publication should be continued for coming years.

## man about tech

by marvin c. grossman

guess some of the fellows around here aren't contented with the bridge over the charles. no sir. especially the name. we mentioned something about that in this column last week and some of our more ambitious techmen decided to do something about it.

about a week ago two signs proclaiming "harvard bridge closed" mysteriously vanished from their assigned locations on massachusetts avenue. one had been placed near the albany street railway crossing, the other at the approach to central square. an informant told us that perhaps the whereabouts of the two placards could be ascertained if a thorough search was made of building 22.

and sure enough. located in an obscure room in the basement of the plywood palace the signs were found. at the time of their discovery, an artist was doing a quick paint job on the word "harvard." upon questioning the gentleman, we learned that another foray to the scene of the crime was planned for that evening.

as the hands of our clock strode past 1, which incidentally is the same hour that most of the cambridge gendarmes leave for the night, a black cloaked party of three desperadoes carefully unlocked the door of their room in the barracks and silently clambered aboard an ancient chevy. one of the occupants drove, the other two had all they could do to hold the retouched 3 by 5 sign on to the side of the car. the chevy whirled around and made a mad dash for the ames street exit of the parking lot.

a few minutes later we found ourselves on an unlighted side street, within a few blocks of central square. the occupants, trained in this sort of thing, leapt out of the car. one headed for the square, while the others carried the sign, keeping concealed in the shadows. close investigation of the objective revealed that the eager gentlemen of cambridge had replaced the missing sign with another one, bearing the legend, "harvard bridge closed."

undaunted, one of the fellows strolled casually out in the street and proceeded to hack away at the sign with a pinchbar. several taxis passed, the drivers not even pausing to see what was going on. evidently sign changing is a daily occurrence in central square.

a slightly tipsy fellow strolled by and inquired "wassa doin boys?" the reply was "changing signs." "oh" was the answer, and the fellow kept going. suddenly the haggard face of a tired apartment house dweller awakened by the pounding, appeared from a nearby window, shouting, "I'll call the cops if you guys don't get the hell out of here." paying little heed to the irate citizen, work again commenced on the project. it appeared that even the fire house could have been moved with little or no ob-

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jections from the cambridge police force, for no other opposition was encountered. after the nails were removed the sign was dragged across the street while the two other fellows rushed over to slap "technology bridge closed" in place. the job done, the culprits sprinted back to the car and hurried home. but we went back there the next morning, and much to our dismay the word "technology" had already been painted out.

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The program was made possible by the generosity of various individuals who contributed funds to provide living expenses; the Institute, which waived tuition; and the many people who helped to make the students' stay enjoyable.  
Next summer the FSSP plans to add India, Pakistan, South Africa, Brazil, Chile and Argentina to the list of countries from which students may apply. The fund raising campaign is already underway for the coming year.

**Road To Wheelodom Offered By A.A.**  
The Athletic Association is opening its doors of opportunity this afternoon when it holds its annual smoker. "Come to the smoker, and start on the road to wheelodom," say A.A. members.  
Entertainment, food and drink (of the soft nature) will be provided to men who are interested in managing Technology's various sports or working in the Equipment, Publicity or Treasury Departments.  
The meeting will be held in Litchfield Lounge of Walker Memorial this afternoon at 5:00 p.m.

**CHEERLEADER RALLY**

Freshmen wishing to join the Field Day cheerleaders are asked to meet in Room 3-303 on Monday, September 26, at 5:00 p.m. This is a job for both the men and women of '53.  
Additional members of the Sophomore track and crew teams are also needed for the Field Day battles. Interested men should report to the Briggs Field House or the Boat House today.

**Soccer Practice Begins; Tough 10-Game Schedule Includes Nat'l Champs**

**9 Veterans Return To Lead Harriers Through '49 Slate**

Initiating his 27th year as Technology Track coach, Oscar Hedland has kept the harriers looping around the Briggs Field course all week, readying them for the tough five-meet cross country season. With nine returning veterans and three promising recruits from last year's frosh, the outlook is fairly good. However the schedule includes several other teams, strong this year, who will make the going tough.

Among those who have returned are Captain Sam Holland of Methuen and Carol Belton, former Hingham High runner. The freshman trio includes Larry Foley of Attleboro.

The meets which are all combination varsity and freshman will begin on October 15 with Tufts at Franklin Park. This will be followed by University of Massachusetts on October 22 at Amherst, on October 29 New Hampshire at Franklin Park, and the New England Intercollegiates at the same place. The I.C.4A. will be held at Van Cortlandt Park, New York, on November 21.

Forty soccer enthusiasts gathered in Room 3-270 last Wednesday, for the rally opening the 1949 season. Coach Dick Thomas discussed training schedules, uniform issue and the like, and briefed the boys on the rule changes made by the international committee during the summer.

A new regulation concerning out of bound balls will cause a radical change in the game. The time-saving rule, which keeps defensive players outside a ten yard circle on throw-ins, will result in a faster moving, higher scoring game. The team is now learning new tactics to take full advantage of the change.

The Engineer varsity, led by Captain Dimmy Dimitriou, faces a tough schedule which includes last year's undefeated champions, the University of Connecticut. A tentative game with the University of Havana is also planned, giving an international flavor to the schedule. Only two members of last year's team have graduated, and Coach Thomas is confident that chances are good for a successful season.

**SCHEDULE**

Oct. 8 Amherst—Away  
Oct. 12 Fitchburg—Away  
Oct. 15 Trinity—Away  
Oct. 19 Tufts—Home  
Oct. 26 W.P.I.—Home  
Oct. 29 R.P.I.—Away  
Nov. 5 Connecticut—Home  
Nov. 9 Brown—Home  
Nov. 12 Havana—Home\*  
Nov. 15 Harvard—Away  
\*tentative

**Flying Club**

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few hit the camp.

In any event, there is at least one farmer near Sharon, Massachusetts, who knows that The M.I.T. Flying Club is staging a rally for the freshmen and all others who would like to fly.

**Colored Films**

The color films entitled "Big Race for Little Wings" show the Good-year Trophy Air Races held in Cleveland. Questions concerning the club and membership will also be answered at the rally.

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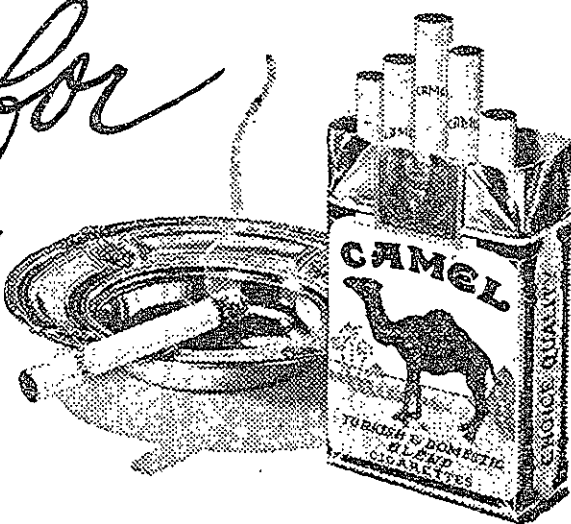
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## More Foreign Travel Planned As Feature of NSA Expansion

"Increased numbers of American students will study, work, and travel abroad next year with more than 1,500 of them going to Denmark alone," reports the Technology Committee of the National Student Association.

In a congress of the NSA held last August in Urbana, Illinois, emphasis was put on the increasing amount of student traveling abroad. Planes were chartered from Scandinavian Airlines and booking arranged for students going to Europe at \$350 round trip. Further plans were made for bringing foreign students to this country.

### Expansion Planned

Besides its student travel program, the NSA planned expansion in other directions. The purchase card plan whereby students may make purchases from various business organizations at a nominal saving was enlarged. Under their DP Program scholarships were awarded to displaced persons to come to the Institute this year. It

was pointed out that under the policy of the NSA these scholarships were awarded on the basis of the merits and needs of the person and not the race, religion, national origin, or political beliefs.

In regard to the eventual elimination of discrimination which was called "neither right nor left," the NSA adopted the "Michigan Plan" used at the University of Michigan. It calls for the banning of any new campus organization with discriminatory clauses in its constitution or charter and for the education of present groups with discriminatory clauses.

### Exchanges Planned

Under consideration for the future in the international field are exchanges of articles to periodicals in other countries, an international art festival, and an international seminar on student life. Also included in the way of future improvements are programs for student leadership and human relations.

## New Men Invited To WMIT Smoker

Next Wednesday at 5:00 P.M. Station WMIT will hold its annual smoker in Tyler lounge. The smoker will not be limited to freshmen but will be open to all students and faculty who are interested in the station's activities.

Due to losses by graduation, and an expansion of WMIT's operations, there are positions open in all branches of the station for new members. No past experience is necessary and anybody interested in the engineering, advertising, direction, public relations, or announcing fields of radio broadcasting should attend the smoker.

According to Lawrence Schneck, '51, Public Relations Director, there is an urgent need for men in the Public Relations and Listener Liaison Department. Students who like to write, print signs, or interview fellow students should apply. Also in demand are new men for the advertising staff.

On Friday, September 30, WMIT will hold a party for the station's staff and their dates.

## TECHNIQUE SMOKER

This year's Technique Smoker will be held on Monday, September 26, at 5:00 p.m., in Tyler Lounge of Walker Memorial. All men interested in joining the Technique staff should be present at that time.

## Frosh Programs

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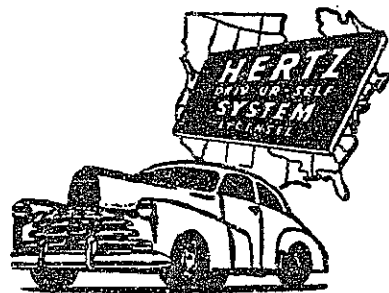
C. Grossman '51.

In other business, Institute Committee suspended five of its by-laws regarding freshman elections and approved temporary ones in their place pending permanent change. The elections will be held during the second week of the term to enable the class to become better organized for Field Day.

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